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Title: Need to provide financial help to Kerala for Museries Project – a scheme for revitalization and development of ancient cultural sites.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): Museries - a project envisaged by Ministry of Tourism Government of India and Government of Kerala is intended for re-activation of our very old cultural development which had got a very great ethical and moral values which are relevant in this century also. Presently the project covers among other areas Kodungalloor – Paravoor area (2 Municipalities and 8 Panchayats) of coastal Kerala and more areas of nearby locality are also to be included under the said scheme. These places were famous for sea-port/shipping, transportation of spice and mining and various types of classic cultural activities. The traditional Arts and Crafts that were specialties in these localities are on the verge of extinction and efforts are being made to prop-up the ancient cultural values by implementing these type of schemes which are also a part of valuable pre-historic Indian culture.

The Museries scheme which is under implementation by both Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and State Government of Kerala will definitely go a long way in achieving the said goals in the years to come. I take this opportunity to request the Ministry of Tourism, the Government of India to provide all financial help to make this project a great success.